



News From the 2005 White House Conference on Aging

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New York Delegates to the 2005 White House Conference on Aging Announced

The 2005 White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA) today announced the names of 40 delegates who will represent the state of New York at the conference to be held in Washington, DC from December 11 to 14, 2005. The delegation consists of 9 delegates named by Governor George E. Pataki and 31 named by members of New York's Congressional delegation.*

Twelve hundred delegates from throughout the country will participate in the 2005 WHCoA, the fifth such conference in our nation's history. Delegates will vote on resolutions and develop implementation strategies that will help the President and Congress shape aging policies for the next ten years and beyond. WHCoA Policy Committee Chairman Dorcas R. Hardy said, "Each of us has an incredible opportunity to take action that will benefit current and future generations of American seniors. I look forward to greeting all the delegates when they come to Washington, DC energized and ready to make history."

The theme for the 2005 WHCoA is "The Booming Dynamics of Aging: From Awareness to Action." The theme reflects the changing face of aging in America. The 2005 WHCoA is mandated by the Older Americans Act to focus on the interests and needs of current seniors as well as the 78 million baby boomers who will begin to turn 60 in 2006. Leading up to the WHCoA have been approximately 300 local, state and national events held across the nation involving more than 60,000 people with more anticipated. These events include WHCoA Listening Sessions, Solutions Forums, Mini-Conferences and Independent Aging Agenda Events.

The formula for state distribution of delegates was based on a total of 200 delegates divided among the states, U.S. Territories, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. Each state had the opportunity to select a minimum of two delegates. Additional state delegates were based upon each state's percentage of individuals age 55 and older compared to the nation's total population of persons aged 55 and older. Each U.S. Territory, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia had the opportunity to select one delegate. The National Congress of American Indians received an allocation of 19 delegates to ensure representation from the American Indian nations. Each member of the Congressional delegation has named one delegate to the WHCoA. In addition, a number of At-Large Delegates will be selected by the Policy Committee based on an open application process that ends on June 1, 2005. Information about the WHCoA venue will be available shortly. More information about the WHCoA may be found on the website [<http://www.whcoa.gov>].

* A list of New York’s delegates announced by the WHCoA follows. The list represents delegates named by the Governor and Members of Congress. At-Large Delegates, to be selected by the WHCoA Policy Committee, will be announced later by the WHCoA.

NEW YORK

Gubernatorial delegates:

Governor George Pataki

Myrna Blyth	New York
Shian James Chang	Niskayuna
William Dionne	New York
Mary Donohue	Albany
Mark Kissinger	Albany
Neal Lane	Albany
Carol Rodat	Albany
Norman Volk	New York
Thomas Yandean	Catskill

Congressional delegates:

Senator Charles Schumer	Robert Abrams Lake Success
Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton	Mae Carpenter Mt. Vernon
Rep. Gary Ackerman	May Newburger Mineola
Rep. Timothy Bishop	Edward Creegan Levittown
Rep. Sherwood Boehlert	Rev. Carol Jubenville New Hartford

Rep. Joseph Crowley	Geraldine Chapey New York
Rep. Eliot Engel	Ellen Camerieri Bronx
Rep. Vito Fossella	Dr. Ann Merlino Staten Island
Rep. Brian Higgins	Patricia Wojcik Cheektowaga
Rep. Maurice Hinchey	Dr. Irene Wald Stein Ithaca
Rep. Steve Israel	Dr. Sharon Mullon Uniondale
Rep. Peter King	Rena Iacono Lido Beach
Rep. Sue Kelly	John Beale Poughkeepsie
Rep. Randy Kuhl	Kimberley Toot Belmont
Rep. Nita Lowey	Joseph Murphy Rye
Rep. Carolyn Maloney	Dr. Dennis Kodner New York
Rep. Carolyn McCarthy	Dr. Stanley Nussbaum Atlantic Beach
Rep. John McHugh	Mary Krause Canastota
Rep. Michael R. McNulty	Michael Cooley Cohoes
Rep. Gregory Meeks	Carol Hunt Jamaica

Rep. Jerrold Nadler	Nat Yalowitz New York
Rep. Major Owens	Alice Spratley Brooklyn
Rep. Charles Rangel	Dr. Eugene Callender New York
Rep. Thomas Reynolds	Angela Blackley Middleport
Rep. Jose Serrano	Dr. Evelyn Laureano Bronx
Rep. Louise Slaughter	Ann Marie Cook Rochester
Rep. John E. Sweeney	Susan Somers Rensselaer
Rep. Edolphus Towns	Elizabeth Sanders Brooklyn
Rep. Nydia Velásquez	Suleika Cabrera New York
Rep. James Walsh	Marilyn Pinsky Syracuse
Rep. Anthony Weiner	O. Lewis Harris New York